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Dear Mr. Weisburg,

To start with, I should explain that I am now working with Penn Jones on the assassination, and attempting to assist him. I have been interviewing people both in Dallas and New Orleans.

On page 19 of WHITEWASH II you refer to Marina Oswald's being asked whether she knew a "Mr. Farry." As I understand it from the preceding pages, this information was obtained from the report of Secret Service agent Charles Kunkel, and this question was actually asked on the night of November 24, 1963. There is no such person as "Farry" listed in the Vol XV index, and almost certainly they were referring to Mr. Ferrie, who is alluded to in Vol VIII by O'Sullivan and Voebel. David Ferrie, who was not called as a witness although his implication in the affair was obviously known to the Warren Commission as they asked several witnesses if his name was familiar to them, was arrested in New Orleans on November 25, 1963, and held as a possible suspect as Oswald's accomplice since it was known that Oswald and Ferrie had been together in the summer of 1963 in N.O.

The question which is in my mind is: how did anyone in Washington know about Ferrie as soon as the 24th, since Ferrie was not arrested until the 25th? Of course it could be that as soon as it was broadcast that Oswald was the assassin the N.O. police could have sent their information on Ferrie to the Secret Service in Washington, and I suppose this is a likely explanation. There is no doubt, from the testimony of Lieut. Martello, that this is the way they found out about Leonard Reissman. However, I would appreciate it if you can let me have any information which would shed further light on this matter. If you find anything further about Ferrie in your diggings through unpublished S.S. or FBI reports, please make a note of it as I believe Ferrie is a very important person in this case, and perhaps the most egregious of all the Commission omissions. In particular, am I right in saying that the "Farry" question was asked on the 24th?

In the last week I have interviewed 3 of the salesmen at the Downtown Lincoln Mercury in Dallas, where one of the "Second Oswald" incidents occurred. The important thing that has emerged from this is not so much that Oswald was allegedly there as that there was another salesman by the name of Jack Lawrence who had arrived there 6 weeks prior to the assassination, from N.O., who had made arrangements to take a driveaway car to Calif. & then on to Mexico, and these arrangements had been made for Nov 22nd 1963. He took off in a hurry after the assassination, with the company owing him money, and has never been seen again, although the FBI within the last year have been round asking further questions about this man. This story was told to me independently by Frank Pizzo, Bob Teter and Oran Brown; curiously enough, none of this emerged in the testimony of Bogard and Pizzo, and even more curious, Mark Lane didn't say anything about it, although he interviewed and filmed both Pizzo and Oran Brown. At any rate, if you should stumble across any unpublished SS or FBI reports which give any further information on this possibly very important matter, I would appreciate it if you would let me know. Jack Lawrence's family is either from Virginia or West Virginia; he is 26 or 28, and was discharged from the army for being a Castro sympathiser, and wanting to go and fight for him. (Bogard, incidentally, seems to have disappeared, although Brown says he is in Lancaster, 10 miles from Dallas. Gene Wilson, apparently the most intelligent of the bunch, although with very poor eyesight, remains to be interviewed.)

My next target is the Sportsdrome Rifle Range, which I visited yesterday, but no-one was there. The most important thing here, I believe, is to get more information on the bearded gentleman. Apparently Floyd Davis, who ran the range, later saw him and got his license no., but then, like everyone else did the worst possible thing by giving it to the FBI.